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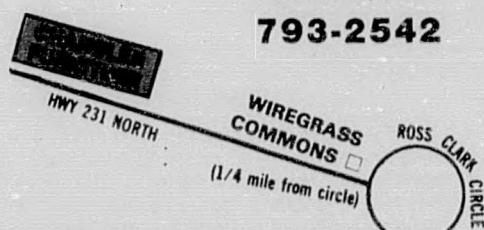
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## Large gathering meets with school board concerning location of prom

Elba School Board members walked into a hornet's nest last Tuesday evening when their regular meeting convened and they were met with over 75 eleventh-grade students and parents who were upset over administrative decisions concerning the location of the annual junior-senior prom.

The group had called and got their matter on the official agenda and this was taken up first with Mrs. Wayne White being recognized as the opening speaker. She addressed the board with the problem, and then student Chad Tindol and another parent, Mrs. Sue Bogdan, read prepared statements.

The group was upset over the choice of locations the juniors were given for holding the prom and over what they perceived as a poor attitude of cooperation from the administration and some of the junior sponsors.

The junior class members had voted on where to hold the prom and had been given a choice of the Ft. Rucker Officers' Club or the National Guard Armory. The vote had been close but the Armory had prevailed.

The group continued to ask questions about just why they couldn't use the high school gym, as had been done every year up until last year when the group went to Ft. Rucker.

High school principal Mickey McCollough was on the hot seat during most of the discussion with most of the anger directed at him for what was perceived as unreasonable ground rules for the prom.

McCullough explained that the gym was part of the academic facilities of the school during the day and any efforts to prepare for a prom normally closed it for this use at least two weeks. He read from a set of guidelines for use of the facility and noted it included no hard shoes on the basketball court and no food in the gym area.

The students pointed out that they had been offered the use of a mat to cover the floor and prevent any of these problems. They also questioned why the gym was needed for all P.E. classes when outside basketball courts had been constructed this year for the use of P.E. classes and springtime was normally a time for playing softball.

No answer was ever given for this, however Mrs. Linda Berry, who was present on another matter, noted she had been one of four teaching P.E. at Elba High School for more years than she cared to admit and she could assure the board her students would be occupied elsewhere during whatever time the gym was needed for the prom and this would be no problem with her.

The students pointed out that the gym had been refinished two years ago at a high cost was cited as a reason for not using it for proms. However one student noted that school books are nice and pretty when new and questioned if they should keep them that way or open the books and study.

Several students quoted McCollough as saying "I don't care if you have a prom or not." He later told board members this happened at a time when all were talking and he was trying to get their undivided attention.

One parent asked for permission to talk and explained that he felt the prom issue was just an example of a town trying to get its school back. He was interrupted by clapping from the visitors and continued by saying, "They feel there are reprisals against our children when on being chosen to judge entries in Scholastic Magazine's annual writing awards program."

Superintendent Lamar Foley stated he didn't realize the community had lost its schools. Board member G. A. Lindsey noted this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for these young people and felt this should be considered.

After repeated questions from the group, the board members finally convinced them they could use the school gym if the students voted to do so. (A later vote by the students indicated all but 2 voted in favor of the gym.)

Mrs. Jean Helms appeared commending Mrs. Dixie Dorsey and Mrs. Jean Helms on being selected as applicants for the Teacher's Hall of Fame at Jacksonville State University.

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concerning the student handbook of school policies. Some changes had been recommended and she was asked to prepare a revised rough draft for the board members to review before the next meeting.

The board went into executive session to discuss a personnel problem and following this continued with some more problems.

McCullough was asked about the status of the band trip to Florida. Board member Bob Roberson stated he understood only 85 were signed up to go and wanted to know if this justified the trip. McCollough promised to follow up on this matter.

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## County approves \$1 million bond sale

The Coffee County Commission gave a bonding company the "go ahead" on the sale of bonds to finance the construction of a new \$1 million Health Department building in Enterprise at its meeting Monday.

Enterprise at its meeting Monday and also discussed the possibility of purchasing a \$300,000 building near the courthouse in Enterprise which would be used to house the Sheriff's Department, the offices of the District Attorney and other agencies presently being housed by the commission.

Don Bowden, the architect of the new Health Department building, was at Monday's meeting and told the commission he was preparing to submit plans to the state for the final approval of the building.

Bowden further stated that bids would be let on the construction in May, with actual construction scheduled to start in late June. The building is expected to be completed in February, 1990.

A representative of a Montgomery investment company was also at the meeting and stated that at a meeting in January the commission had passed a resolution authorizing the firm to proceed with the preparations for the sale of the bonds to be used to finance the project.

The commission reported it had since been contacted by other bonding companies which offered "better rates," but after a discussion it was agreed that the commission would do business with the company already handling the bond sale.

Comm. Jim Dubose stated "I am uneasy with the proposal and feel there has been too much haste in spending a lot of taxpayers' money. In the future I hope that the commission won't allow itself to be forced into spending money that may not be necessary."

Comm. Sid Averett, an outspoken advocate of the new building, declared "We've been kicking the needs of the Health Department around for four years and I don't call that being hasty. If the commission has made a mistake it has been in dragging its feet too long and making the residents in the county suffer."

After it was agreed that the commission would sell \$1 million in bonds, the representative of the investment company handling the sale warned the commission that the county may need to find additional funding in four years when the county's share of the sales tax would decrease five percent.

The commission stated that it felt the tax would generate sufficient funds and voted 6-1 (with Robert Stephens voting no) to instruct the representative to proceed with the sale as soon as possible.

Comm. Averett reminded the commission that it had recently visited the Crumpler Furniture building, in Enterprise, and stated "We have a real need for the building!"

Averett reported the building could be used by the Sheriff, the District Attorney and other agencies that are housed in buildings rented or owned by the county.

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The commission agreed to make a final decision on a possible purchase of the building at its next meeting on February 27.

The raise for the court reporters in the district was again discussed and the approval of the raise was rescinded by the commission until further study.

Comm. Dubose questioned whether the funding of the raises would be funded through the D.A.'s Worthless Check Fund, or come from the county's share of the fund that is placed in the county's general fund.

After contacting District Attorney Joel Folmar it was discovered that the raises would come from the county's share of the fund and take \$4,500 annually from the county's general fund.

After learning of the source of the raises, the commission voted to rescind its approval of the raises until further study.

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The motion died for a lack of a second; however, Comm. Bill Faulk remarked that "sometimes you have to look the other way" and suggested that the county not make the individuals who have already installed the plastic pipe responsible for the cost of the pipe.

The county engineer also reported on the success of the auction held on Feb. 4 at the county fairgrounds.

It was reported that a total of \$236,823 in equipment was sold at the auction, with \$217,423 worth of equipment being sold to buyers from outside Coffee County.

The county's share from the sale of its equipment amounted to \$90,714.80, while Enterprise sold \$28,000 in goods, Geneva County sold \$20,000, Covington County \$7,000 and Elba \$2,200.

The engineer requested the commission use the \$90,000 to help cover the cost of the two motor graders recently ordered by the county and recommended the budget of \$34,000 needed be borrowed and later repaid from next year's budget.

The commission commended the engineer on the success of the auction and approved his request.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the commission: \*\*\*tabled bids on treated timber and precast concrete panels until the next meeting;

\*\*\*received a progress report on a water system grant for the county;

\*\*\*was informed that the Enterprise United Fund had changed its name to the Coffee County United Way and now served the entire county;

\*\*\*heard a request from HRDC to increase its monthly allocation by \$200 to allow the agency to move its office in Enterprise to a new location;

\*\*\*agreed to send out invitations to bid on fuel, herbicide and liquid asphalt;

\*\*\*received comparative data sheets on the counties in the state;

\*\*\*received a copy of an Attorney General's ruling stating it was illegal to work on private driveways as an aid for school buses and mail carriers without having the driveways dedicated as public roads;

\*\*\*adopted the same tax millage as in 1988 (7 mills general fund, 3 1/2 mills road and bridge and 5 mills countywide school);

\*\*\*appointed Janice Bailey to the Crossroads Regional Library Board;

\*\*\*reappointed Roy Grimes to a term on the Goodman Water Authority;

\*\*\*agreed to take bids on the removal of the Lee home at the Feb. 27 meeting;

\*\*\*voted to eliminate parttime help at the Registrars office due to the fact the extra help has already exceeded the budget by over \$9,000;

\*\*\*and, paid bills.

## Recreation Board named

The Elba City Council met Thursday evening, four days earlier than regularly scheduled because Mayor Fred Moore was scheduled to be in Washington D.C. during the first part of this week.

Business was routine except for the appointment of a 7-member Recreation Board. Members appointed were Gaynes Waters, Lamar Kelley, Ricky Mulaz, Larry Grant, Mike McKee, Dianne Dawkins and Frank Phillips Jr.

The new Recreation Board will meet Monday at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall at which time the group will elect a chairman and conduct other business as necessary.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchev reported that during the period January 23 through February 8 the police responded to 127 complaints including 5 accidents. There were also forty-six traffic arrests which included 6 DUI arrests.

The animal control officer reported impounding twenty-three dogs during this same period.

Bills totaling \$17,239.67 were approved for payment after Moore terminated the larger charges. These included \$1517 for sewer solvent, \$1023 for repairs to a police car,

\$743 to buy new brushes for the street sweeper and \$6461 for gas and oil.

The financial report shows the city makes monthly appropriations of \$3,244.32 to the schools, library, health department, etc.

Monthly bond and note payments total \$12,726.51. These pay off beginning in November of this year and each year through a \$82,033.32 note in 1994, except for the "old biggie," the sewer improvement loan at \$437,727 which pays off in 2010.

Moore told council members the City received \$1350 for the school bus sold at the county auction and \$775 for the used police car. Moore noted that estimates of the value on the vehicles indicate the city received a good price for both.

Council member Randy Bedsole reported to the council members on a South East Alabama Regional Planning Commission meeting he attended with Mayor Moore.

The city-wide clean-up week is still scheduled for the first weekend in March. Moore has a meeting scheduled for February 23 with interested citizens to plan the event.



**COLLISION**... this S-10 Chevrolet pickup truck butted heads with the frame house sometime before daylight Sunday morning. The driver, who apparently received only minor injuries, left the scene and somehow got to his parents' home. His father got a neighbor's help Sunday about 7:30 a.m. to take him to the emergency room for treatment. He was treated and released. The accident wasn't reported to police until passersby saw it after daylight Sunday morning.

The vehicle was driven by 19-year-old Patrick Dewberry, according to Elba police, and the house, unoccupied, is located on Claxton Avenue, next to the Army Reserve Center. The vehicle was totaled and the house knocked several feet off its foundation. The vehicle, reportedly borrowed, is owned by Probate Judge Marion Brunson.



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We covered our tracks at home for Valentine's Day. This hasn't always been the situation. Monday we saw several men coming out of the section of the drugstore where the candy is sold and they advised us to follow their lead and do this before we forgot. They each told a horror story of forgetting, but we didn't need them to paint us a picture - we had our own story to tell. We served another special interest with the purchase also. Our favorite candy is that with nuts inside and we bought the very last box of "all nuts." If we had waited any longer, we would have had to take something that wasn't our first choice to eat ourselves.

The Oliver North trial is still being delayed on technical issues. We will be surprised if the thing isn't finally dropped completely for these same reasons. Actually that is the sign of good lawyers when they can get a hot political issue dismissed without having the president use a special pardon to release the defendant.

South Alabama residents are buzzing with talk of building a hydro-electric dam North of Arion. This project was pushed for years by the late Congressman George Andrews but interest died when he died. This week another meeting on the project was held in Washington with representatives of Alabama Electric Co-op and area elected officials. We doubt there is federal money for this project but are in favor of it as previously planned. We do have some reservations over the part about irrigating farm land with this water. It could completely drain off any water flow for Elba, Geneva and points south. Whatever the outcome of this week's meeting, don't expect to swim in that new lake anytime within the next 10 years. It would take that long to draw the plans, do the impact studies and defend the lawsuits that are sure to accompany the new lake and power dam.

We did a bit of fishing for a few hours this past weekend. We didn't have enough success to solve the problem of the world's hungry folks but it was enjoyable trying and the weather was great. We will try again and this will also give the fish a few more days to grow bigger!



Elba Unit of Coffee County Heart Association presents a plaque to two local firms for their outstanding support of the second annual Turkeywalk held in Elba. Vice chairman Marion Brunson (l) presented a plaque to Mrs. Betty Adkinson of the Big Bear grocery store, and to Mr. Fred Ramer, personnel manager of National Security Inc. Co. The presentation was made at a meeting of the Elba Unit on January 10.

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City Clerk Pat Boothe is shown signing a proclamation declaring February as Heart Month in Elba. Looking on are co-chairwomen Eleanor Senn and Jimmie Smith; publicity chairman - Annette Hammond. Captains in Mrs. Senn's division are Vonelle Lord, Charlotte Hobson, Percy and Ann Dyess, Olive Ray Martin, Iva McCreary, Ella Jean Vaughan; in Mrs. Smith's section captains are Annette Hammond, Glenda Adkinson, JoAnne Rainer, Shirley Henderson, Joy Powell, Earl and Alma Peters. Volunteers throughout Elba will be calling on their neighbors from Sunday, Feb. 12 - Sunday, Feb. 26, to distribute educational material and solicit donations for the American Heart Association.



PAUL MACDON has been selected "Employee of the Month" for February at Dorsey Trailers. Macdon performs inspection on trailers prior to their completion. He was awarded a plaque and has the "Employee of the Month" parking place for February.

Manufacturing manager John Crittenden said, "Paul is a very conscientious employee, and does an excellent job on any assignment."

### Scholarships Available To Children Of Vets

May marks the graduation of thousands of high school seniors in Alabama and the State Department of Veterans Affairs reminds these graduates that the State offers educational scholarships under the Alabama G. I. and Dependents Educational Benefit Act.

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For complete information contact Robert E. Lolley, Veterans Service Officer, for Coffee County, located at the Enterprise Courthouse, Enterprise, AL., 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and in Elba Courthouse Annex, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, or call the Enterprise office at 347-6440 or Elba office at 897-2924.

### ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department reported another active week with a total of 3 arrests (harassment, violation of prohibition law and resisting arrest) and 15 traffic citations (driving under the influence-3, revoked license, avoiding intersection-2, suspended license-5, driving on wrong side of the road, drivers license required, reckless driving and no drivers license). Following are daily activity reports:

TUESDAY, FEB. 7  
Activity included a wreck on Reese Ave. (1:03 p.m.), a disturbance at Mullins Apt.'s (5:47 p.m.) and a complaint of harassment phone calls (8:10 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8  
Routine activity reported.

THURSDAY, FEB. 9  
Activity included a complaint of a subject stealing rings (6:29 p.m.).

FRIDAY, FEB. 10  
Activity included a theft at Mullins Apt.'s (10:06 a.m.), a burn on fire on Taylor Mill Road (2:52 p.m.) and a prowler at 189 S. (8:39 p.m.).

SATURDAY, FEB. 11  
Activity included a fight at Mullins Apt.'s (2:06 p.m.), a vehicle on fire at the old Samson Road (3:32 p.m.), a wreck at the Byrass (3:52 p.m.) and a report of a missing person (9:04 p.m.).

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### OBITUARIES

#### WILLIAM S. "Bill" BARNARD

Mr. William S. "Bill" Barnard, age 66, of Dothan, died Feb. 14, 1989, at his home.

Graveside services were held Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. in Evergreen Cemetery, with Rev. Mel Harper officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his mother: Mrs. Pansy Barnard, Dothan.

#### HENRY LEVERETT

Mr. Henry Leverett, age 77, of Glenwood, died Monday, Feb. 13, 1989, in the Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Feb. 14 from the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, with Rev. J.P. Morgan officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home of Troy directing.

Survivors include his wife: Doris Pyron Leverett; one daughter: Dixie Nell Paul, one son: Preston Leverett; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

#### ORAN (BARE) GALLOWAY

Mr. Oran (Bare) Galloway, age 73, a resident of Rt. 1, Brundidge, died Sunday, Jan. 29, 1989, in a Dothan hospital.

Funeral services were held Jan. 31 at 3 p.m. from the St. John Baptist Church with W.O. Sanders officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Jackson-Bryan Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Elizabeth Galloway, Rt. 1, Brundidge; two daughters and sons-in-law: Linda and Dixon McGhee, Arion; Betty Sue and Kirby Jordan, Troy; one sister, Mrs. Carolyn Earle, Dothan; three brothers: Clifton Galloway, Rt. 1, Brundidge; Byron Galloway, Rt. 1, Jack; Otis Galloway, Brundidge; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Statewide number is 1-800-292-4935; Birmingham area 897-2242; or contact the American Cancer Society's local office.

Sincerely,  
Michael J. Norgard, M.D., F.A.C.P.  
President  
Alabama Division  
American Cancer Society

Kappa Pi Omega Chapter To Meet  
Feb. 26 At Beulah

The Kappa Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Sorority, Inc., will celebrate its Founder's Day on Sunday, February 26, 1989 at St. Beulah Baptist Church at 3:00 p.m.

The guest speaker is the Honorable Patricia Sledge Davis, Third Term Representative, District 58, Birmingham, AL.

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CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mon. - 5 p.m.  
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Beaver Dam Rest.  
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5 p.m. - Supp. Office  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
BOY SCOUTS - Mon. 7 p.m. - Over old City Hall  
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7 p.m. - Library  
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Tues. - 5 p.m. - City Hall  
MASONIC LODGE 179 - 1st Sat. & 3rd Mon. - 7 p.m.  
AA - Wed. 8 p.m. & Sun. 6 p.m. - Old City Hall  
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room  
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### Ham Home Was Center Of Cultural Activity In Elba

The home of P.J. "Jeff" Ham was a social center in Elba for many years; his large family was involved in the social and cultural activities of the area. The home was furnished with the most fashionable furniture of that era.

The Ham family came to Coffee County from Crawford County, Ga., in 1858. Jeff Ham served in the Confederate Army and lost his left arm in the Battle of Peach Tree Creek.

He owned more than 3,000

acres of land in Coffee County, was county treasurer, an early mayor of Elba, and was a merchant in the city for many years.

P.J. Ham married Mary Ann Carroll by whom he had ten children. After her death he married Jessie Woodward and they had three children.

The P.J. Ham family included Frances Emma who married A.J. "Jack" Bryan, Judge James Noah Ham, married Lena Lee; Phillip Jefferson Jr., married Jessie Roberts; Mary Elizabeth, married Edmond Cox; Ada, married John B. Rushing; William W. "Billy," married Fannie Rushing; Gertrude, married William Bailey; Rushia, married Elton Edwards; Stephen was never married; Carrie married Levy Powell; Norman married Myrtle Shealy; Bicker married Cora Amason; Jessie was never married.

(This article was written and submitted by the local Alabama Reunion Committee.)

SGT. Murray Cox Awarded Highest U.S. Army Recruiting Honor

Sgt. 1st Class Murray T. Cox, the Army Reserve recruiter for the Knoxville area, was awarded the recruiter ring, the highest Army recruiting honor, during a recent ceremony in Nashville.

Cox is the son of Martha Andrews of Elba.

Cox was stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., for four years. He also served in an Army Reserve unit in Elba before becoming recruiter four years ago.

Brig. Gen. Jon D. Collins, deputy commanding general for Army Recruiting, presented the ring to Cox.

In addition to the ring, Cox has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal and three Army Achievement Medals.

Cox lives in Knoxville with his wife Rebecca and their daughter Emily.

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## Socials

### McDowell - McMillan Wedding

Juanita D. McDowell and Malcolm C. McMillan were married in the parlor of First Presbyterian Church in Auburn at three o'clock in the afternoon on Dec. 3, 1988.

The Rev. McCoy Franklin performed the ceremony in the presence of family and friends. Mrs. McMillan is a former resident of Elba and was employed at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp as a nurse in Medical/Surgical and Coronary Care.

Dr. McMillan is a former head of the History Dept. at Auburn

University and is Emeritus Hollifield Professor of Southern History. Following the wedding ceremony the couple was honored with a wine and cheese party by friends and neighbors in their home.

Family members honored them with dinner in the President's Room of the Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center.

After a yachting trip on the Intracoastal Waterways and the Atlantic coast of southern Florida, the couple will reside at 764 Cary Drive, Auburn.



Miss Hayes

### Miss Hayes And Mr. Spicer To Wed In June

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Hayes III of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Coira to Terry Spicer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spicer, also of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Fay Colquett and the late James W. Colquett of Dorchester, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Hayes Jr. of Elba.

The bride-elect is a 1985 graduate of Elba High School. She received her Associate degree in Applied Science from Enterprise State Junior College and is currently a senior in the school of nursing at George F. Wallace Community College in Dothan.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Yates of Hacoada, and Mrs.

Sally Spicer and the late Mr. James Ballard Spicer of Coffee Springs. Mr. Spicer is a 1983 graduate of Elba High School. He received his certification in air conditioning and refrigeration from MacArthur State Technical College in Opp, where he is presently instructor of the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning program. He is also associated with Spicer Heating and Cooling of Elba.

The wedding will be an event of June 10 at ten o'clock in the morning at First Baptist Church in Elba. All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend the wedding and the reception. The reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the Hayes Farm in the Woodland Grove Community in Elba.

Of special interest was the detailed report of the Ways and Means concerning the Tasting Tea to be held on April 6 at the Education Building of the Methodist Church, from three until five in the afternoon.

All members were assigned to various committees for participation and success of this activity.

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### Azalea Garden Club Meets With Mrs. Danny Jones

The Azalea Garden Club met with Mrs. Danny Jones as hostess. President Mrs. Patrick O'Riley presided and led the club collect.

Routine business followed and chairmen of various committees reported. Of special interest was the detailed report of the Ways and Means concerning the Tasting Tea to be held on April 6 at the Education Building of the Methodist Church, from three until five in the afternoon.

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PICTURED ARE members of Brownie Scout Troop 132 of Elba who received a donation of \$45.75 from one of the troop members, Diana Jackson, during the Christmas season. Diana's two ponies earned the money giving rides at the Elba Christmas Festival at the amount of 25 cents per ride and she in turn gave it to her troop. The troop will use the money for a community project. Brownies pictured are (Front row, l-r): Reese Grant, Elizabeth Stevens, Christy Houston, Casey Henderson, Elizabeth Godsey; (Second row, l-r): Tia Flowers, Angie Laney, Paige Hudson, Diana Jackson, Dina Farris, Amber Frederick, Brandy Harrison, Paige Bryan, Michele Bryan, Natasha Lee. (Christy Smith is a member of the troop but not pictured.) Troop leaders are Faye Farris and Shelley Smith.

### Food Fair To Be Held February 17th

Sandra T. Coffey County Agent

On February 17 at 6:00 p. m. the Coffee County Extension Service and area merchants are sponsoring a Food Fair at the Farm Center in New Brockton. The food fair will feature lots of exhibits. Exhibitors from throughout Coffee County and company food representatives from national food corporations will be on hand to demonstrate and introduce new products. Most of our estimated 20 exhibitors will be providing free samples of new products.

Also, as part of the food fair, I will be conducting a cooking school. The cooking school will feature hearty healthy recipes, quick and easy one-dish meals, and easy, elegant entertaining ideas. Also a featured part of our food fair will be blood screening available to all who attend at a cost of \$10.75. Humanitarianism will be providing this service. The battery of tests usually cost \$104, but as a service to the community they are providing it nominal cost.

Doors will be open at 6:00 p. m. From 6:00 p. m. until 7:00 p. m. you may participate and enjoy the exhibits. The cooking school will start at 7:00. There will be a \$900 frost-free refrigerator with icemaker given away as the grand door prize plus prizes.

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### Miss Adkinson And Mr. Whittaker Announce Engagement Date

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Adkinson of Enterprise announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tracy Lynn, to Maxie Whittaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Whittaker of New Brockton.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Adkinson of New Brockton, and the late Elmer Purvis.

She is a 1984 graduate of Enterprise High School. She is also a graduate of Enterprise State Junior College and Troy State University with a degree in Elementary Education. She is currently employed by Coffee County Schools.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Looey Doherty Whittaker, and Mrs. Marie Purvis of Enterprise and the late Elmer Purvis.

He is a 1982 graduate of New Brockton High School and a graduate of Enterprise State Junior College. He is currently a senior at Troy State University majoring in Social Science Education. He is employed by Western Steer as assistant manager.

The wedding will take place March 11 at six o'clock in the evening at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise. All friends and relatives are invited.

Valentines were passed out to all.

Every though the weather was wintry, it was warm inside.

Seniors for this week are Winslow and Mavin Matthews.

They live just outside the city limits of Elba on Highway 87, and have lived for the past 14 years in the same house they finished for themselves.

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Mr. &amp; Mrs. Winslow Matthews-Seniors Of Week

### HRDC Has Valentines Party At Weekly Meeting

By Wanda Sasser

When the Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street met at the HRDC Building on Simmons St. on Feb. 9, it was for a Valentine's Day party. Some of the seniors played dominoes until our special guests arrived.

We had some catchy music played by Karen Wallace, and Leila and O.C. Kersey. Of course the music was country - as most of us are country.

Some of the seniors even danced, and the rest of us just patted our feet.

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At first I thought maybe the poster had made a mistake. I envisioned the poster having had a bad day - maybe even distracted by personal problems so that he had unconsciously pasted the advertisement upside down.

I could imagine the dealer's rage over such a blatantly botched job. Billboard advertising doesn't come cheap, you know.

But then I began to see other billboard space that the same dealer had rented around Enterprise, and to my astonishment, on every billboard, the car being advertised had been pasted upside down. It wasn't the poster who was at fault at all - it was the dealer who had chosen a most outlandish way of touting his stock.

Or was it outlandish? In many ways I see the inverted billboards as public parables of the society in which we live, a society that seems to have an inverted view of life.

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Top salesmen in the FBLA fundraiser included JoAnn Culver, Pam Coleman, Tonya Bell, Stephanie Goodson and LeAnn Hinoite.

## FBLA Members Complete Fundraising Project

By Gayle Pryor  
The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) has been selling gift items and spices for the past two weeks in order to earn money to attend the club's district meeting in Montgomery in March.

Reader's Digest representative Jerry Roberts talked with Mrs. Rachel Bryan, FBLA sponsor, about what the club was going to sell some weeks ago. He and Mrs. Bryan decided on the selling of gift items as well as a new and unusual merchandise - spices.

"I was very pleased with the outcome of sales," said Mrs. Bryan. "Hopefully, we've raised enough money to

pay for the club's activities for the rest of the year, perhaps even enough to buy something for the business department."

The items are expected to be back in three to four weeks, at which time FBLA members will distribute them.

Each member was given a quota of \$100 and about two weeks selling time. Fran Wallace, a senior, sold \$219 worth, making her high saleswoman.

Others who sold their quota were JoAnn Culver - \$126; Tabitha Pritchett - \$116; Kenneth Marler - \$112; Teresa Owens - \$104; Pam Coleman - \$103; Tonya Bell - \$101; Stephanie Goodson - \$100; and LeAnn Hinoite - \$100.

## Good Study Habits Stressed Locally

By Stephanie Goodson  
Do you study in a quiet place? Do you prepare yourself a time schedule before you begin to study?

These were questions Ms. Robin Wyatt asked students at Zion Chapel. Ms. Wyatt, an instructor at Enterprise State Junior College, talked to several classes about good study habits. She told them they should study in a quiet place and needed to study in the

same place each time. She also said it would be useful to read captions before beginning to read a full chapter.

Ms. Wyatt told students to pay careful attention to the first sentence in a paragraph because it tells you what the paragraph is about.

Students said Ms. Wyatt's ideas would be beneficial in studying for tests and in preparing to do homework.

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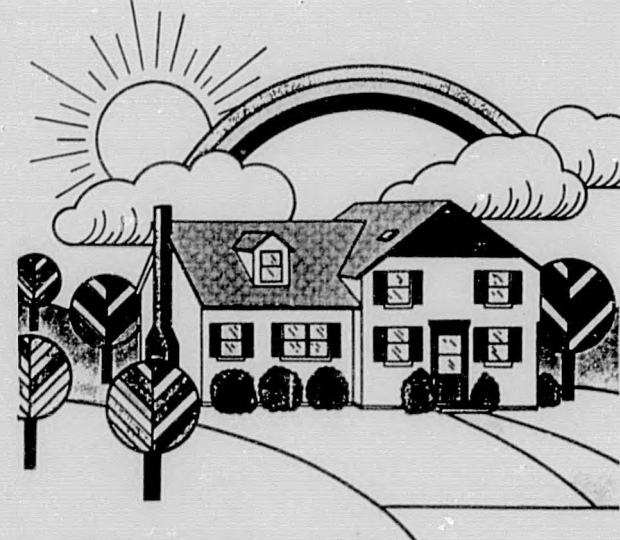
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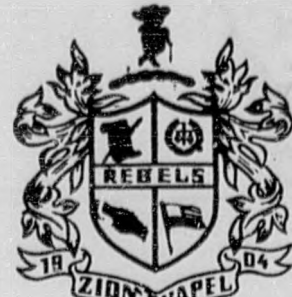
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## Juniors Are Busy With Projects

By Ashley Wise

"The Outcast of Poker Flat" by Bret Harle and "The Buffalo That Climbed a Tree" by Mark Twain are two short stories that are the subjects of the current projects being completed by the American History classes. These classes are under the supervision of Mrs. Rachel Bryan.

## SGA Formed At ZC Elementary

By Donna Parker

The Zion Chapel Elementary School has decided to form their own Student Government Association. Mrs. Elizabeth Dyess, sponsor, said the idea had come up over the past few weeks. After modifying a copy of the constitution of the Zion Chapel High School, the elementary school took the next step of electing officers. Students elected will serve for the remainder of the school year. New officers will be elected again next fall.

In order to be nominated for an office students had to turn in two teacher recommendations as well as a list of 20 students' signatures pledging to vote for the candidate.

An additional qualification for president is that the person elected must be a sixth-grader. Students were given a week to qualify and a week to campaign. A candidate could not spend over five dollars on his/her campaign.

At the end of the campaign a political rally was held for the candidates to give their campaign speeches. Voting was held the same day.

The Rebel News will report the winners of the various contests next week.

## Seniors Order Caps & Gowns

By Pamela Franklin

Zion Chapel seniors ordered their caps and gowns Monday, Feb. 6. They were measured by Katy Parker, a representative from the Graduate Supply House.

Mr. Parker measured students for their height and their head size. Price of cap and gown was \$11.00; for an additional \$3.00 they could purchase an extra tassel.

## ZION CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL

# REBEL NEWS

## Local Students Attend U.S. Honor Band Clinic

By Dana Dean

Anthony Oliver, Dana Dean, and David Jackson recently attended the second annual U.S. Honor Band Clinic in Alabama.

There were over 200 students who attended and these were chosen from over 600 applicants. Students who participated were from Florida, Georgia, and Alabama.

Students were divided into two bands: the Silver and the Crimson.

The Silver band was under the direction of Mr. Bruce Pearson, composer and director of high school and elementary bands in Elk River, Minnesota.

The Crimson band was under the direction of Mr. Harry Began, retired conductor of the Purdue University Symphonic Band.

Each band played six selections, one

of which was under the direction of Mr. John M. Long, director of bands at Troy State. The Silver band also played "The Billions," a piece composed by Mr. Pierson, their director.

Although the students went to several long rehearsals, they still had time for fun.

The students were given a pizza party at Rook's Pizza on Friday night, and enjoyed a free buffet lunch as well as a banquet after the concert on Saturday.

Students also enjoyed free concert by the T.R. Miller band, Ware County band, and the Crestview band. They received free sweatshirts with the honor band logo printed on front.

The weekend ended with a concert by the Troy State University Symphonic Band.

## Coach Walker Declares Rebs Are Coming On!

By Melissa Johnson

"Zion Chapel is the best 5-12 team anyone could ever hope to see. And what makes it even better - it's a 'we' team - not an 'I' team," said Coach Tommy Walker, head basketball coach at Zion Chapel.

"Zion Chapel has defeated many unbeaten teams in very surprising upsets," Coach Walker added.

Coach Walker made these comments to the Rebel news staff when he was asked about his thoughts on the 1988-89 basketball season which will end shortly.

Although the winning side is not the plus side the Rebels have provided sports entertainment this season, including beating New Broken by one point at the buzzer and then being beaten by New Broken by one point at the buzzer.

The Rebels also came from behind in the fourth quarter to defeat Elba by three points. Another highlight of the season was scoring twelve points in the last sixty seconds to come from behind to defeat the Arion Purple Cats.



Coach Tommy Walker

## Library Holds Book Fair

By Tonya Bell

The Great American Book Fair was the theme of this year's book fair at Zion Chapel. Mrs. Sylvia Lowery sponsored this event which offered opportunities to purchase books, coloring books, and Foxfire novels.

The book fair had books for primary, elementary, middle school, and the high school grades.

Mrs. Lowery said the library will receive 30 percent of the money from the book fair plus 10 percent of free books. The money will be used to purchase books, to buy supplies, and to care for the equipment and maintenance.

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## Zion Chapel Eighth

## Grade 4-Hers Meet

## February 6 At School

On February 6, 1989, the 8th grade girls at Zion Chapel held a meeting.

We had Ester Young for our speaker. She showed us how to put makeup on and some tips on cleaning our face.

Mrs. Hughes took up some posters and sewing that we had done. Then the meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be the 2nd week in March.

Reporter  
Niki Pilcher

\*\*\*The Ft. Rucker Officers' Wives' Club will award scholarships in May, 1989. Applications must be completed and returned to the OWC Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1, Ft. Rucker, AL 36362-5000, no later than March 23.

Scholarships available for high school seniors are:

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## BASKETBALL SPOTLIGHT

SCOTTIE HOOKS - #12, is a sophomore and the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hooks. He has played basketball for the past three years. His most memorable game was against Brantley.

JUAN CARPENTER - #32, is a sophomore and the 15-year-old son of Lucinda Carpenter. Juan has played basketball for three years. His most memorable game was against Brantley.

TODD KILLINGSWORTH - #4, is a sophomore and the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Killingsworth. This is his first year. His most memorable game was against Clayton.

HAYDEN YOUNG - #4, is a sophomore and the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Young. He has played basketball for four years. His most memorable game was against Clayton.

CURTIS SMITH - #42, is a sophomore and the 16-year-old son of Clara Smith. He has played basketball for two years. His most memorable game was against Brantley.

## Is It The Only Answer ???

By Melissa Prichard

Teenagers of today are faced with so many decisions. We must decide what we want to do, where we want to go, and how we want to get there. We're stepping into the future, and taking control of our lives -- we're growing up.

Some teenagers however are having to grow up faster than they had planned. Faced with an unwanted pregnancy, many a young girl is having to contemplate not only her own future, but also the future of her unborn child.

Many times abortion appears to be the only practical solution. Sixteen years ago, on Jan. 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court legalized abortion in the Roe vs. Wade decision. That did not settle the controversy in the minds of many people, though.

Many doctors acknowledge the physical complications that can result from abortion. Dr. John C. Wilke, president of "Right to Life," listed 68 possible complications, including convulsions, cardiac arrest, later miscarriages, and sterility.

Dr. Gibert McDonough of Enterprise is an OB-GYN, as well as a devout Christian. When asked why he is opposed to abortion medical, rather than religiously, he replied, "I cannot separate the two. It is because of my religious convictions that I am opposed to abortion. I am dealing with life and with people, and every decision I make has to be a moral decision."

He further stated that since abortion has been legalized, there have been between 15 and 18 million abortions in the U.S. Abortion can cause many emotional problems. While talking to Chuck Shepherd, a counselor for AGAPE of South Alabama, he told me that in many cases a girl who has an abortion thinks at the time that she has made a good decision, but looks back years later filled with guilt.

Many girls, pregnant for a second time, and having aborted the first child, regret their first choice, and want to avoid abortion.

The local Chi Alpha Mu Chapter, a national mathematics club for junior high students, recently sponsored the first of several brain teaser contests.

The winner of each division was the first person who had a correct answer drawn from the compiled entries. The drawing was held Feb. 3 and winners were:

Chad Tindol - senior high  
Brett Bimbo - junior high  
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Chi Alpha Mu encourages all students to participate in the next brain teaser contest.

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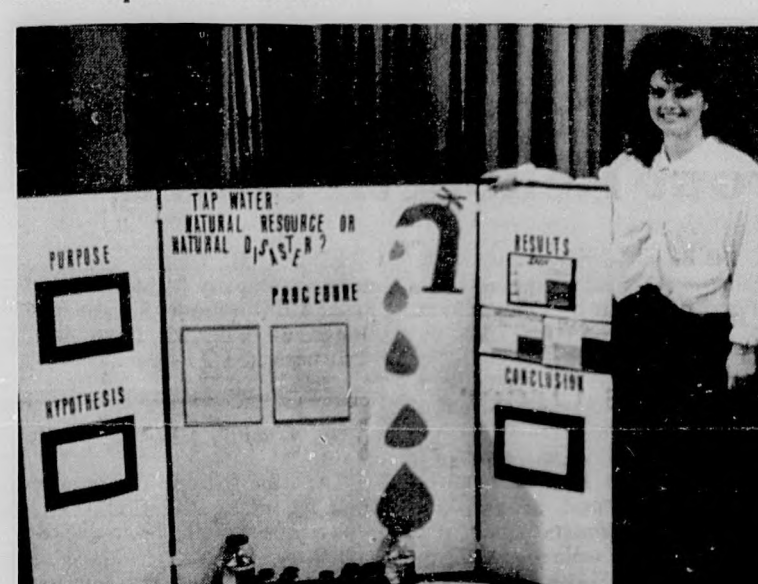
## ELBA HIGH SCHOOL TIGER TALES



## MATH TOURNAMENT WINNERS LISTED

The 4th annual American Junior High School Mathematics Exam (AJHSME) was given at Elba High School on Thursday, Dec. 1, 1988, to all eighth-grade students enrolled in Algebra 1. The test was given nationwide on the same date.

School winners were as follows: Casey Carroll and Larkia Hammond tied for first place; Jake Stokes and Joey Bozeman tied for second place; and Joe Donaldson, Brent Goodson, Laura Hall, and Alan Robertson tied for third place. A pin was presented to both first-place winners and all of the top students were presented certificates.



HEATHER STINSON is pictured with her "Science project" which placed third in the Earth, Space and Physical Science Junior High Division in last week's Science Fair at EHS. Her project was titled "Tap Water - A Natural Resource or a Natural Disaster?"

## FHA Attends District Meeting Feb. 4

By Willie A. Flowers

The Alabama Association of Future Homemakers of America held its district meeting on Feb. 4 at Enterprise State Junior College. Schools from all surrounding counties were present for the meeting.

Attending from the Elba chapter of FHA were Al Crowell - vice president; Willie Flowers - reporter; senior members Tara Rhoades and Kelly Bryan, and sponsors Mrs. Marsha Oggs and Mrs. Ann Dyess.

High Division in last week's Science Fair at EHS. Her project was titled "Tap Water - A Natural Resource or a Natural Disaster?"

The state meeting will be held in April.

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## Views From... The Pressbox By Ricky Mularz, Editor

My little girl loves to go fishing and a couple of weeks ago she asked me again just when we would go and let her catch some fish. Well, the cold weather of last week made it easy because everyone knows fish don't bite when it's cold (they don't, do they?), but now that it's warmed up I guess I'll have to get the poles out and maybe this weekend we'll head out and test our luck. Maybe we'll have a fish picture next week!!!!

### ELBA TIGERS POST TWO BIG WINS DURING WEEK

The Elba Tigers took to the hardwood twice last week and posted lopsided wins over New Brockton and Rehobeth to up their record for the season to 8-10. The easy win over Rehobeth was expected; however, the big 22-point win over New Brockton was especially sweet and had to give the Tigers a great big boost of confidence heading into the area tournament.

In the win over New Brockton, Elba combined a sticky man-to-man defense with an effective offense to completely throttle the highly-ranked Gamecocks. Bennie Daniels and Leon Coleman carried the load offensively and hit consistently from outside, while Jeff Kelley and Ronald McKinnon sparked a defensive effort that limited New Brockton to only 6 of 38 shooting in the second half. When you're 6-10 any win is sweet, but when defeat New Brockton it is doubly sweet for the Tigers!

The Tigers made their first trip ever to Rehobeth Friday night and after a slow start clobbered the winless Rebels by over 40 points. Elba toyed with Rehobeth in the first quarter and had so much fun that Coach Hank Kennedy yanked out the starting five about half way through the stanza and let them watch from the bench. Once the starters went back in they immediately took charge and the rest of the game was almost comical as the Tigers scored at will while sliding across the slick floor. There were no real stars in the game, but I have to mention Jeff Kelley, who delayed the game almost five minutes with a devastating slam dunk. Kelley's dunk made the backboard sway and shake, much to the delight of the Elba fans, and even the refs had to laugh during the delay.

The wins last week showed everyone just what the Tigers can do when they play well. Elba is not a 500 club, I don't care what the record is, and if the players will realize what it takes to win consistently, the wins will come!

### A NOT SO INTERESTING WEEK FOR AREA TEAMS

Last week saw every team in the county fail to defeat, which was the first time this season that every single team tasted defeat during the same span. Here's a look back:

**New Brockton** got shellied by Elba early in the week, but bounced back with a vengeance Friday night to upset a very good Laverne squad. The Gamecocks lost to Elba after a loss to Enterprise made some folks question just how good New Brockton really was; however, the win over Laverne answered the question and put the Gamecocks back in the favorites' seat in next week's tourney.

**Brantley** had no trouble at all in blasting Laverne, but then traveled to Andalusia Friday night and got ripped for the first time this season. Brantley's losses have been to 6A Northview by six points and 5A Andalusia, which isn't bad for a team in its first year of 2A ball. Maybe the loss last week will wake up the Bulldogs and make them even better.

**Kinston** defeated Samson and lost to Enterprise last week, and I'm not so sure the Bulldogs didn't learn more in the loss than they did in the win! Kinston has to be a surprise team all season under Coach Terry Weeks and a narrow loss to a team like Enterprise can't help but make the Kinston players believe they can play with anyone.

**Zion Chapel** lost to Charles Henderson early in the week for the third time this season, but battled the highly-ranked Trojans on even terms for much of the game and are beginning to look like a team to watch. The Rebels have some young players and still aren't consistent, but they are coming on and will have nothing to lose once the tourney starts.

### NEXT WEEK IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR

Area basketball tournaments begin next week at high schools across the state and here in south Alabama the action should be outstanding. Here is a quick preview of what I expect...

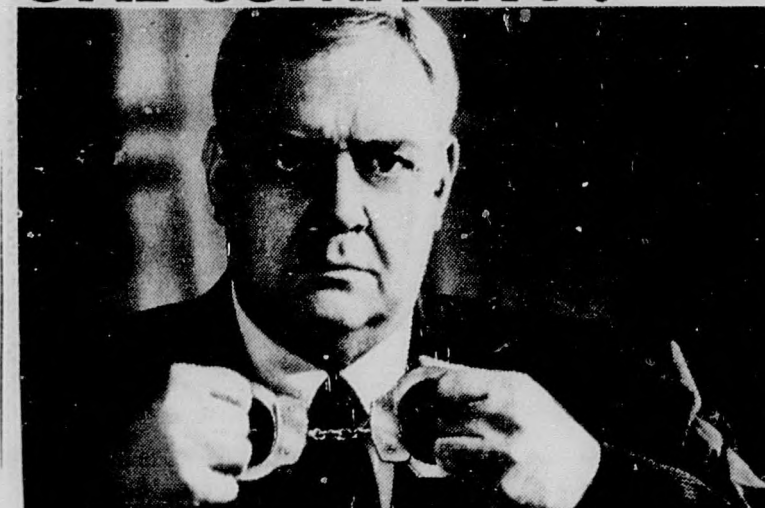
**CLASS 3A, AREA 3** - Defending state champion Clayton has to be the heavy favorite on their home court, but the Tigers haven't been as devastating this season as in years past and I for one don't think they are unbeatable. The best game in this event will be next Thursday night when Elba and Laverne meet for the third time this season. Both teams claimed one-point wins at home and on a neutral court the action should be just as good.

**CLASS 2A, AREA 3** - New Brockton is always the favorite when tournament time rolls along and while this year is no different, the Gamecocks aren't as good as they've been and rate in my book as co-favorites with Florida. Both squads should make it to sub-state, but from there????

**CLASS 2A, AREA 5** - Brantley is the heavy favorite here and should take the crown without any trouble. But, wait a minute! The tourney is at Goshen, which carried the Bulldogs into overtime in the SEAC tourney and Zion Chapel isn't playing badly here at the end of the season. Maybe I'd better keep an eye on this one.

**CLASS 1A, AREA 4** - This may be the most balanced tourney around, with three teams having a shot at taking the crown. Kinston is the top-seed and deservedly so, but Coffee Springs can be a hard team to beat and Montgomery County isn't as bad as many people think. I'm looking for a Kinston-Coffee Springs final, but I won't beat you more than a nickel on it.

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# SPORTS

## Tigers clobber New Brockton 66-44

The Elba Tigers snapped a two-game losing streak with a vengeance last Tuesday night when they traveled to New Brockton and clobbered the highly-ranked Gamecocks 66-44.

The win upped Elba's record to 7-10, while New Brockton slipped to 13-6 with the loss. The two cross-county rivals swapped baskets to open the contest, but when New Brockton's Robert Kilow slammed home a dunk midway through the stanza the homecoming Gamecocks fans were on their feet!

The dunk may have excited the fans; however, it also woke up the Tigers, as a three-point shot by Leon Coleman and a dunk by Jeff Kelley gave the Tigers the lead and sparked an 8-0 run that gave Elba a 15-11 lead by the end of the quarter.

The action was fast paced in the second quarter as both teams had no problems finding the basket. Elba's Chris Lasseter and New Brockton's Chris Lasseter both tossed in six points in the stanza and when the teams went in at the half the Tigers were still clinging to a 31-26 advantage.

Elba picked up the defensive pressure in the third quarter and took advantage of cold shooting by the Gamecocks to run out to a quick 20-point lead in the third stanza! Bennie Daniels paced the Tigers in the wild stanza with 9 points and heading into the fourth quarter the Tigers were suddenly in command with a 49-35 lead.

The Gamecocks' shooting woes carried over into the fourth quarter; however, the same couldn't be said of the Tigers, as Elba ran up and down the court and pulled away to post the surprisingly lopsided 66-44 win.

Bennie Daniels scored 24 points and hit 10 of 12 free-throws to pace the Tigers, while Leon Coleman added 14 and Jeff Kelley scored 10. Chris Lasseter scored 13 points for New Brockton and Robert Kilow added 11.

EL 15 16 18 17 - 66  
NB 11 15 9 9 - 44

Elba (66): Daniels 24, Coleman 14, Kelley 10, Stoudemire 4, Leandro 4, Rowe 2, Boggan 3, Jones 3, McKinnon 2.  
N.B. (44): Turner 4, Kilow 11, Gibson 5, Boland 6, Lasseter 13, Hawkins 1, Barrentine 4.

### (B Game)

The New Brockton B team led all the way to rip Elba 54-39.

Tony Newsum scored 15 points to lead New Brockton, while William Moguel added 13. Shane Spurlin and Ernest Hill scored 14 points apiece for the Tigers.

N.B. (54): Newsum 15, Moguel 13, Caldwell 8, Knox 6, Smith 5, Goosby 4, Brust 2, Horstead 1.

Elba (39): Spurlin 14, Hill 14, Killingsworth 5, Smith 2, Bass 3, Young 1.

## Elba Tigers explode to rout Rehobeth 93-51

The Elba Tigers woke up in the second stanza Friday night and then never slowed down as they blasted the Rehobeth Rebels 93-51, at the Rehobeth gym.

The win upped the Tigers record to 8-10, while Rehobeth slipped to 0-17 with the loss.

Elba jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead in the game, but then went flat and simply stood around and watched as the Rebels took over. The Tigers jumped out to a quick 15-7 to grab a 15-11 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Rehobeth was still on top 16-15 with 6:33 left in the second quarter; however, the Tigers finally woke up and behind the play of Ronald McKinnon and David Rowe went on a 9-1 run that gave the Tigers a 24-17 advantage with 4:22 left in the half.

Elba remained hot for the remainder of the half and closed the stanza with another rush as at intermission the Tigers went in with a big 40-21 lead.

Elba picked up where it left off in the third quarter and behind the inside play of Phil Boggan outscored Rehobeth 12-4 in the opening minutes of the stanza to extend its lead to 52-25.

The Rebels rallied briefly late in the quarter and chopped the deficit to 20 points, but the Tigers regained command and after three quarters of action owned a 63-34 bulge.

Action in the fourth quarter was fast and furious on both ends of the court as both teams ran up and down the court. The only question left to answer was how bad would the final margin of victory be, and behind the play of Curry Jones, the margin grew and grew and at the final horn Elba had the win 93-51.

Curry Jones scored 16 points, all in the fourth quarter, to lead the Elba scoring parade, while Jeff Kelley added 15, Leon Coleman 13 and David Rowe and Phil Boggan 10 apiece. Brad Powe scored 22 for Rehobeth.

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Elba's Phil Boggan (44) goes up for an easy basket during a Tiger win over Rehobeth. Elba handed the Rebels a 93-51 defeat Friday night and will oppose Laverne in the 3A, Area 3 tournament at Clayton next week.

## HIGH SCHOOL GAME OF THE WEEK

### Kinston upset bid falls short in 56-53 loss to 6A Enterprise

The Kinston Bulldogs saw their hopes of an upset go up in smoke in the closing seconds of the game Friday night as the 6A Enterprise Wildcats edged the 1A Bulldogs 56-53, at the Bulldog gym.

The loss dropped the Bulldogs record to 13-8, while Enterprise improved its slate to 12-13 with the win.

Kinston opened the game using an effective motion offense and was successful in getting the ball inside to Brandy Nobles and slowing down the Wildcats.

The Bulldogs trailed 9-8 after one quarter of play, but caught Enterprise early in the second stanza and behind the inside power of Nobles stayed even until the buzzer to end the half, when the Wildcats scored to go on top 27-25.

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### CLASS 2A, AREA 3 AT, STRAUGHN



Barry Farris caught this 9 pound bass while fishing at a private pond using crank bait.

Ed Manning killed this 7-point, 230 pound buck on Saturday morning, January 7, while hunting near Elba.

### Shriners' bass tourney set March 11-12

Officials of the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children's Bass Tournament have announced that the winner of second place in the 4th annual tournament will receive a V-160 Randall Craft bass boat with a Silver Ride trailer.

The tourney will be held March 11-12 on Lake Seminole and all proceeds from the event will go directly to support the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.

Tourney officials anticipate the

tournament will pay off the first 30 places. Entry fee is \$100 and entries are now being accepted, with checks made payable to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children and sent to James R. Harrell, chairman, P.O. Box 2435, Bainbridge, Georgia 31717.

A 14 foot Deluxe River John Boat, with trailer and 9.9 HP Evinrude motor will be given away at a FREE drawing among the participants in the tourney.

## New Brockton is top-seed in Class 2A, Area 3

Straughn High School will host the Class 2A, Area 3 tournament next week and it looks like

the title of area champ could go to three of the four teams entered. Top-seeded New Brockton once

looked like a sure bet to take the title, but the Gamecocks have struggled in recent games and as the

tourney nears the Gamecocks now appear to be in for a fight. The Gamecocks are led by the inside duo of Todd Boland and Malcolm Knox and the outside shooting of Robert Kilow.

Florida seems to be the most likely challenger to New Brockton for the area title, while host Straughn could very well get hot on its homecourt. Samson has struggled all season and doesn't appear a challenger.

This tourney looks like New Brockton against Florida in the finals, but you never know what can happen when one loss means the season is over!

## Elba Umpires to meet on Feb. 26 at 7:00 p.m.

The Elba Umpires Association will meet on Sunday night, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elba City Library.

Anyone who wishes to umpire baseball or softball this summer in Elba should attend this important meeting.

For more information contact Ricky Mularz at 897-5977 (nights).

### Brantley is heavy favorite at 2A, Area 5 event

The Goshen High Eagles will host the Class 2A, Area 5 tournament at the Eagle gym and while this event may appear easy to predict, the four teams all have talent and any winner will have to play its best to advance.

The Brantley Bulldogs will carry a #2 ranking in the state into the contest and the Bulldogs are sure to be ready after losing in last year's tourney opener. The Bulldogs have a balanced attack, with home guard Robert Kilow and Jeff Driggers, outside punch with Wesley Person and Ben Foster and an all-around player in Chad Carpenter, making Brantley a complete squad.

Goshen could be the spoiler in the field and playing at home won't hurt its chances, while Zion Chapel is coming on strong in recent weeks and Highland Home has better than average talent.

This one looks like a Brantley-Goshen shootout in the finals!

Brantley

Feb. 21 6:00

Zion Chapel

Highland Home

Feb. 21 7:30

Goshen

Feb. 24 7:00

### CLASS 2A, AREA 5 AT, GOSHEN

### Kinston leads competitive field in Class 1A, Area 4 tournament

The Class 1A, Area 4 tournament will take place in Pleasant Home next week and the five-team field appears to be one of the most competitive in south Alabama.

Top-seeded Kinston will enter the event as the favorite, while both Coffee Springs and Montgomery County have high-scoring outfits and host Pleasant Home and Dozier have teams with the ability to win on any given night.

The top-seeded Bulldogs of Coach Terry Weeks have been somewhat of a surprise team this season in rolling up over a dozen wins and heading into the tourney the Dogs have to rank as the favorites. Three-year starter Brandy Nobles leads the Kinston charge, while guards Mike Glass and Chad Keith have excellent three-point range, making the Bulldogs a serious

threat to take it all!

Coffee Springs has rebounded from years of frustration under second year coach Ken English and while the Golden Bears have struggled a bit of late, they have shown the skills to win against any level of competition. The Bears first round foe, Montgomery County, has made visits down south when the schedule demanded and the Eagles have a high-scoring club that is more than capable of upsetting any team in the event.

Pleasant Home has had an up and down year, but playing at home never hurts, while Dozier has come on strong in recent weeks behind the play of Terry Daniels and has to be a team to watch.

Don't be surprised if any of the five teams emerge with the crown!

Pleasant Home

Feb. 21 7:00

Dozier

Feb. 24 7:30

Kinston

Feb. 25 7:00

Coffee Springs

Feb. 24 6:00

Montgomery Co.

### CLASS 1A, AREA 4 AT, PLEASANT HOME

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Louisville		Class 3A, Area 3 At Clayton	
Feb. 21	7:00		
Rehobeth		Feb. 23	7:30
Clayton			
Elba		Feb. 24	7:00
Feb. 23		7:30	
Luverne			

## Elba to compete in 3A, Area 3 tourney in Clayton

The defending state champion Clayton Tigers will host the Class 3A, Area 3 event next week and this year a total of five teams will be competing for the right to advance to sub-state action.

Clayton has been the top ranked team in the state all season in 3A circles and has to be a definite favorite playing on its homecourt.

Perhaps the most competitive game in the tourney could come in the semifinals when Elba and Luverne tie up for the third time this season.

Elba nipped Luverne by one-

point in Elba, while Luverne got the better of it by one-point in Luverne. It seems only fitting that the two rivals will get a chance to settle their differences on a neutral court with a sub-state berth on the line.

Elba got off to a slow 1-6 start this season, but has rallied since the holidays behind the play of sophomore guard Bennie Daniels and senior center Jeff Kelley and has proven to be a solid team in recent weeks with road wins at Louisville and New Brockton.

Luverne has been on a roll all

season behind the outside bombing of Gerald Jackson and the inside play of Michael Rodgers and you can bet Luverne will be fired up with a sub-state berth on the line.

In the opening round, the Louisville Red Devils and Rehobeth Rebels will battle for the right to meet Clayton, making the win little more than a chance to add one win to their roster.

Clayton looks like a sure bet to advance, while the Elba-Luverne clash will be a toss up!

## Troy State to host baseball clinic Feb. 18

Troy State University will host a free baseball instructional clinic for recreation league coaches and players (ages 11-18) on Saturday, February 18, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 (noon).

Troy State baseball coach Chase Riddle, his staff, players, junior college coaches and professional scouts will conduct the clinic and there will be no active participation by youngsters.

Troy State will host Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College at 2:00 the day of the clinic and everyone is invited to attend the game free of charge.

## Rattler races set for March 4-5 in Opp

Officials at the South Alabama Motor Speedway have announced that the renewal of the Rattlesnake Rodeo stock car races on March 4-5 will be the biggest and most exciting ever!

The addition of local drivers such as Elba's Harold Spicer, Geneva's Gary Brooks, Enterprise's Johnny Toole and Dothan's Ben Lyon has given the race a strong local flavor, while other top drivers like Ronnie Sanders, of Fayetteville, Georgia and Billy McGinnis, of Marietta, Georgia.

## February is the month to hunt rabbit in state

By Charles D. Claybrook, Supervising Biologist, Alabama Game & Fish Division

Deer, squirrel and dove seasons have already closed or are nearing the end, but don't despair, hunters. The best time for hunting the hot-footed rabbit is approaching because February is a good month for hunting the cottontail!

Results of a recent statewide hunter survey indicated rabbit hunting ranked fourth in popularity among game species in Alabama. During the 1987-88 hunting season, 45,489 hunters spent 367,049 days afield and bagged approximately 421,000 rabbits. Though this seems like a great deal of hunting, it is only about half of what it was in the early to mid 1960's. Most old-time rabbit hunters have long since faded away or become modern-day hunters with four-wheel drives, ATVs and other fancy paraphernalia.

What does all this mean to today's rabbit hunter? It means there are still plenty of rabbits out there and very few rabbit hunters. Many landowners will still let you hunt the wily cottontail on their property if you just ask permission.

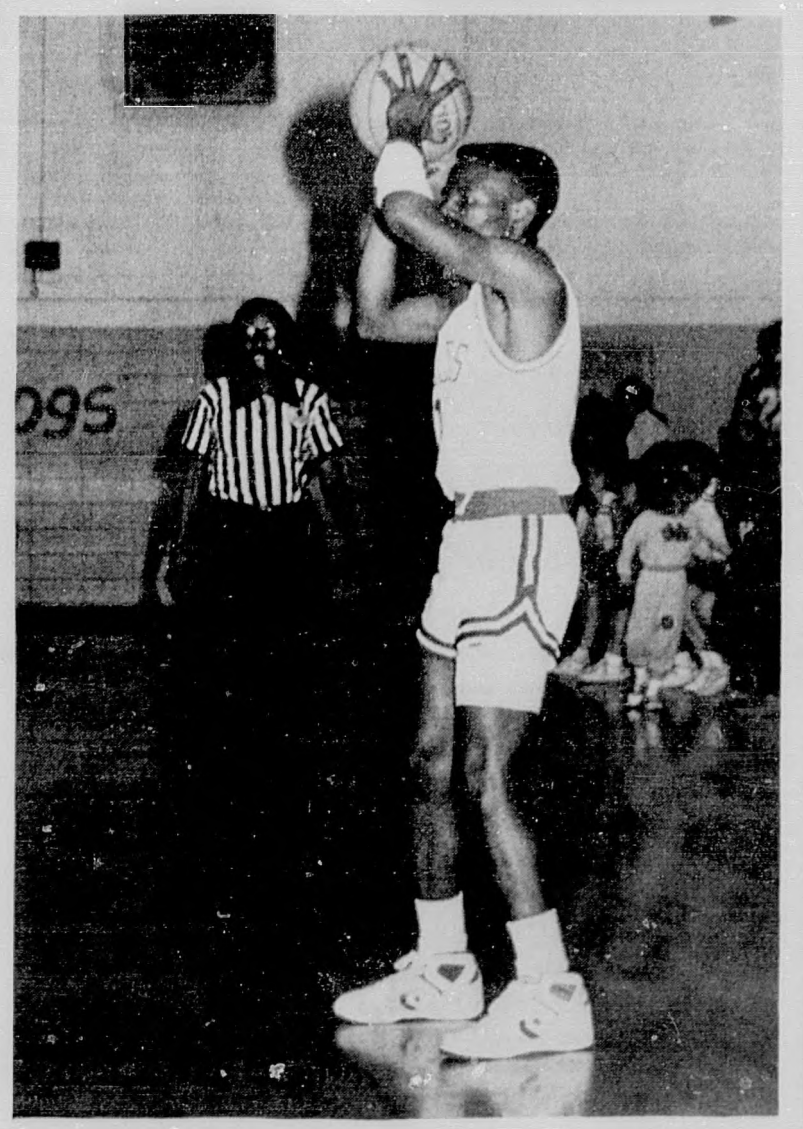
Some areas of Alabama have higher rabbit populations than others. The fertile soils of the Tennessee Valley, Blackbelt and Lower Coastal Plain regions of the state are your best bet. However, even in areas that do not provide abundant food and cover for rabbits, hunting will probably be interesting because of the sheer numbers of cottontails.

If you want to find plenty of rabbits, learn to look for and recognize good rabbit habitat. How do you recognize good "rabbit" when you see it? Remember the tale of old Brer Rabbit and the Tar Baby. Brer and honeysuckle patches interspersed with small openings of green succulent grass are ideal places for rabbits to hang out. The patches provide good cover and the grass provides food, the two main ingredients for rabbit sites.

Okay, now you know where the rabbits will be - how are you going to hunt them? A good pack of beagles can produce fast and exciting action. Dogs can hunt thicker where rabbits are likely to be. If you do not have dogs, you can still get your share of the action by jump shooting. Be sure to stump out all the good cover sources, especially near the edge of openings. Stay ready, for you will only get one chance at that fleeing brown blur.

Have a good, safe hunt! For more information on hunting cottontail, contact Charles D. Claybrook, Alabama Game & Fish Division Supervising Biologist for east central Alabama, 913 S. Perry St., Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

LET'S GO  
TIGERS!  
ALL THE WAY  
TO STATE!!!!



Brantley's Ben Foster looks for an open teammate during recent basketball action. The Bulldogs will compete next week in the Class 2A, Area 3 tournament at Goshen with eyes on the state tourney.

## PREP BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

### Kinston knocks off Samson 66-54

The Kinston Bulldogs upped their record to 13-6 last week by outscoring the Samson Tigers 66-54, at the Bulldog gym.

The Bulldogs had handled the Tigers with ease earlier in the season and expected another blowout; however, the Tigers, coached by former Kinston standout Curtis Lane, gave the Bulldogs all they could handle and it took a solid Kinston effort to pull out the win.

Brandy Nobles poured in 25 points to lead Kinston, while Terry Hall added 17 and Mike Glass scored 10. Chris Kilpatrick scored 14 points for Samson and Terry Tape added 13.

### Brantley disposes of Luverne 77-62

The Brantley Bulldogs and Luverne Tigers battled last Tuesday night in a matchup of Crenshaw County powers and when the smoke had cleared at the packed Luverne gym it was the Bulldogs who emerged with an impressive 77-62 win.

Brantley center Aubrey Wiley dominated the action inside and scored 23 points to pace the 19-1 Bulldogs, while Jeff Driggers added 17 and Wesley Person scored 15 points and snagged 6 rebounds. Gerald Jackson scored 23 points to lead Luverne, which fell to 15-5 with the loss, while Michael Rodgers added 19.

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## Elba Native Had Interesting Life In New York

By Faye Holliday

Stories set in the city of New York and the city itself in the late 1800's and early 1900's have always fascinated me, especially those of a Brooklyn location.

So, when Mrs. Zenobia O'Flinn of Elba came into the office recently to renew her paper and that of her son, Patrick, who still lives in Brooklyn, and we began to chat, my interest perked up.

Mrs. O'Flinn is a native of Coffee County, having been born in the Arwood Community, to Byrd and Olivia Bearice Storey Burkett.

The Burketts came to Coffee County from Georgia. They were married the day after Christmas in 1897 and moved to Alabama soon afterwards.

Mr. Burkett began his living as a farmer, renting land, and also operated a haberdashery store in New Brockton - rather in "old Brockton."

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## \*\* MENU \*\*

ELBA CITY SCHOOLS  
FEBRUARY 21-24

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS  
BREAKFAST

Tuesday - Biscuit and Sausage, Jelly (homemade), Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Toast, Bacon, Jelly, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Cinnamon Rolls (homemade), Juice, Milk

Friday - Cereal, Juice, Milk

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH

Tuesday - Fish, French Fries, Lemon Pie and Fruit, Bread, Milk

Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Rice, Field Peas or Broccoli, Apple Turnover, Milk, Rolls

Thursday - Pizza, Green Salad,

Fruit Cup, Cake, Milk

Friday - Manager's Choice

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS LUNCH

Tuesday - Barbecue on Bun, Rice and Gravy, Field Peas, Turnips, Chocolate Cake, Milk

Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Garden Peas, Jello, Fruit, Milk, Rolls

Thursday - Hot Dogs, French Fries, Catsup, Cheese, Crackers, Green Beans, Cake, Fruit Cup, Milk

Friday - Fried Fish, Tarter Sauce, French Fries, Catsup, Cole Slaw, Lemon Pudding, Milk

Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo Set For March 4-5

The annual Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo is set for March 4-5, an event which attracts people from all 50 states and around the world. The weekend will conclude the two-week-long event, with activities getting underway at 8 a.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. on Sunday.

The Opp Jaycees are the sponsoring organization.

One of the many events, the selection of the Rattlesnake Rodeo

Queen, will be held Feb. 18, and on Feb. 25 there will be an antique car show, parade, Rattler Road Run, Fun Run, etc.

Concessions will be available at Channell-Lee Stadium, and the snake trailer will be on display, with all the rodeo snakes that have been turned in to date.

For a full schedule of activities call the Opp Jaycees at 205/493-9559.

New York! We had many good times there; we saw "Gone With The Wind" when it came out. And seeing all those Georgia summer-country scenes in the movie was refreshing, as the weather was snowy and cold in New York!

"It was Memorial Day, 1939, and some friends and I had gone on a boat ride to Rye Beach. We went back to the home of one of my friends and ate - she had cooked a big leg of lamb - and we were all there just having a big time."

"Daniel was there too, and so we became friends and began to date. I got engaged to him, but came back home to Coffee County for a while."

"I had in mind to open my own beauty shop, but that did not pan out; I worked in a shop in back of Martin's Store while in Elba."

"So I went back to New York; and there I began attending the Catholic Church which I had come to love. I also began the catechism to convert."

Mrs. O'Flinn was confirmed into the Catholic church in Brooklyn, New York, Nov. 1940 and married her Irishman on Saturday, Feb. 6, 1941, in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

The couple set up housekeeping and raised their family in Brooklyn; she did not work professionally. And there her children were born: Mary Claire (now Vandervoort), who still lives in Brooklyn; Daniel, who lives in Matawan, N.J. and is married to the former Ann Marie Ruane, also from Ireland; and Patrick, the Elba Clipper subscriber, unmarried and also living in Brooklyn.

Mrs. O'Flinn's husband died in 1961, and a year or so later she brought Danny and Patty (as she sometimes calls Patrick) to Elba to take care of her mother. (Mary had married after the death of Mr. O'Flinn.)

Nobie and the children moved to Montgomery taking her mother with them, and there they lived until 1964 when they moved to Elba. Patrick graduated from Elba High School in May of 1965, and in September, she and the children went back to New York, after having to put her mother in the nursing home.

She first put her in the Opp Nursing Home, but an opening became available in Elba a year or so later, soon after the opening of the Elba Nursing Home. And that is where Mrs. Burkett died.

Patrick went to work in Green's dime store, then into service, then to work for the telephone company where he is presently employed.

The second-story stairs of the apartment she and Patrick occupied began to be too much for her to climb after she began to have health problems, and for a while she wasn't sure about where she wanted to live. But after talking with a friend in Elba about an apartment, she began to think about moving back to Coffee County.

And what did her children think of this move away from them? They were delighted that I would be able to live around others," she said. "I was by myself in that big apartment building during the day and much of the time at night, as my son worked at night, so they were thrilled that I could be around others and have a secure home. And, too, I knew the people here and it was home to me."

And so, on March 25, 1982, she moved into her present apartment in Morrow Village.

But Mrs. O'Flinn said, "I loved

"We would go to the museums, especially the 81st St. Metropolitan Art Museum; we went to Billy Rose's Diamond Horse Shoe a lot; to movies in Manhattan; to Rye Beach



## ROUND AND ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

In the Lord put I my trust;  
how say ye to my soul, flee  
as a bird to your mountain?  
For, lo, the wicked bend their  
bow, they make ready their  
arrow upon the string, that  
they may privily shoot at  
the upright in heart. If the  
foundations be destroyed,  
what can the righteous do?  
The Lord is in his holy temple,  
the Lord's throne is in  
heaven; his eyes behold  
his eyelids try, the children of  
men. Psalms 11:1-4

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**Position Responsibilities:** The main responsibility will be the overall administration of the Area Vocational Center. Other responsibilities will be assigned prior to employment.

**Effective Date:** At earliest possible date after February 17, but no later than March 1, 1989.

**Application Deadline:** 2:00 p.m., February 16, 1989

**Qualifications:** Minimum of a master's degree. ALABAMA CERTIFICATION in Administration and Supervision (G certification). Must have background in vocational education or agree to take a series of courses to become familiar with vocational education, must demonstrate the ability to communicate orally and in writing. Prior successful administrative experience is strongly desired.

**Length of Contract:** 10 months

**Salary:** Dependent upon degree and experience according to the local salary schedule.

**To Apply - Contact:** Clayton P. Bryant, Superintendent  
Coffee County Board of Education  
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Phone: 897-6300

He and his wife Betty were with their children - Kiki, Kobi, Chris and Angie - in Montgomery. Kenyatta Baraka (JoJo) lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

He is a member of Central Baptist Church in Montgomery (former member of Rocky Head M.B. Church in Elba), and coaches in his son's little league basketball team.

He is co-author of a publication released in 1988, "The Black Male in Alabama: A Demographic Portrait."

Belcher enrolled in the University of Alabama Law School under the late Warren legal scholarship program and clerked for the law firm of England, Thompson and Forte, the first black law firm in Tuscaloosa.

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Belcher is affiliated with various Alabama law organizations, and is a major in the Alabama Army National Guard. He is a recipient of the Outstanding Young Men of America award and has been awarded the United Negro College Fund's

Distinguished Leadership Award.

He then enrolled at Tuskegee University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science in 1970, and received an Army ROTC commission.

On a scholarship he subsequently attended the University of Kentucky Law School in Lexington and was co-founder of that school's Black Law Student Association.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

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### Elba policeman stabbed in Friday night altercation

An Elba police officer is in good condition and out of a Dothan hospital this week after being stabbed in the chest Friday night while attempting to make an arrest.

The officer, Sgt. Dale Cobb, was transported from the scene of the attack by a Coffee County Sheriff's deputy and later transferred to Dothan with what doctors described as a "life threatening wound."

According to Elba Police Chief Freddie Hanchey, a caller reported a domestic disturbance at Razors, a nightclub in the Mulberry Heights

section of Elba, and officers Dale Cobb and Patrick Norris answered the call.

Upon arriving at the scene, the officers attempted to arrest Mark Adam Whitfield, age 22, on a charge of disorderly conduct. Whitfield fled the scene on foot and the officers pursued down Taylor Mill Road.

While Norris followed through a wooded area, Cobb went to a trailer park approximately 1/4 mile from the scene of the disturbance and began questioning residents.

During the questioning, Whitfield appeared from behind a trailer and when Cobb attempted to make the arrest, the subject reportedly resisted the arrest and the two fell to the ground as a struggle ensued.

Officer Norris arrived at the trailer park while Cobb and Whitfield were still on the ground and after controlling the crowd that was at the scene, attempted to aid Cobb.

Whitfield reportedly fought with both officers and was still fighting when Police Chief Freddie Hanchey and Deputy Sheriff Dean Blair arrived at the park.

Chief Hanchey grabbed Whitfield and with the aid of Norris and Blair was able to restrain Whitfield.

While handcuffing Whitfield, Cobb told his fellow officers that he was injured and upon closer examination it was found that Cobb had been stabbed in the chest.

Deputy Blair transported Cobb to the Elba General Hospital, where he was stabilized and transferred to a Dothan hospital.

At present time this week, Cobb had been released from the hospital

and was reported in good condition. Whitfield is being held in the Coffee County jail under \$51,000 bond and faces a charge of attempted murder. If convicted, Whitfield could be fined \$20,000 and sentenced to a minimum of 20 years in prison.

The incident is being investigated by the Coffee County District Attorney's Office and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, upon request by the Elba Police Department.



SEN. ROGER BEDFORD VISITS ELBA...State Senator Roger Bedford was a visitor to Elba last week and during his overnight stay took time out to discuss the legislative session now in progress. Bedford reported that he was sponsoring legislation to provide stiffer penalties to anyone caught in possession or selling drugs within three miles of a school or public housing authority, as well as working with Rep. Jimmy Holley on a bill to give cities and counties a voice in the location of hazardous waste facilities in the state. Bedford was the youngest senator ever elected to the Alabama Senate in 1982 and is planning to pursue a campaign for the office of Attorney General in the next statewide election. Pictured above are (l-r) Circuit Judge Terry Butts, Mrs. Butts, Sen. Roger Bedford and Elba mayor Fred Moore.

### New Brockton residents and city officials concerned over recent cutbacks in police department

The citizens in New Brockton are concerned about recent cutbacks in the city's police department and while Mayor James Driskell defends the actions and scoffs at those who voice complaints, at least two members of the city council agree that the city does indeed have problems that should be aired.

The city has been in a severe financial squeeze in recent months, partly because of the elimination of federal revenue sharing funds, and as a money saving step the radio dispatchers in the police department were laid off, leaving the city without a dispatcher in the department on weekends and after hours during the week.

A diverter has been placed on the department's phone, which when operational, transfers all incoming calls to the phone at the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

While the diverter does give the citizens of New Brockton a means of contacting law enforcement officials, the equipment is reported to be "less than dependable" by at least one area policeman who was familiar with such equipment.

During the regular working hours at City Hall, the city clerk answers calls for the department and acts as a dispatcher for the policeman on duty, but once City Hall closes, any officer on duty is without direct contact with anyone within the city, a situation that could easily place the officer in jeopardy.

It was reported on Thursday last week that an additional cut had been made that reduced the force to the chief and two patrolmen, giving the city a total of three policemen to provide protection 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to the approximately 2,500 residents living within the police jurisdiction.

When the fact is added that the department has been instructed to reduce gasoline consumption, it becomes clear why the citizens are concerned about the city's lack of police protection.

Mayor Driskell stated the concerns were unfounded and pointed the finger back at those who opposed his reelection bid to the city's highest office.

"This all goes back to what happened during the election," said Driskell. "It's just the same folks trying to cause problems. There is nothing to all the complaints and it's not even worthy of being in the newspaper!"

In explaining the cutbacks at the police department, Mayor Driskell said "The city has a major shortage of funds and since the police department receives approximately two-thirds of the funds budgeted, it was obvious where the cuts in spending had to be made. We haven't released any policeman, all we've done is to temporarily lay off the radio dispatchers. At the last council meeting we made adjustments on the garbage contract that will save the city over \$1,000 a month, and hopefully, before long the financial crisis in the city will be over. We intend to return the dispatcher to work as soon as possible and put the so called problems to rest."

City Councilman Charles Cole remarked "I don't know what is going on in the police department and apparently I'm one of the few who don't!"

"The city is in a bad financial situation at this time because of the loss of revenue sharing funds and the fact the garbage pickup had cost the city over \$1,000 a month for at

least a year," said Cole. "It took a while for the huge losses in garbage service to begin hurting the city, but once it did, it all broke the city financially. We've corrected the garbage problem at our last meeting and maybe it is a couple of months the financial picture won't be quite so bleak."

When asked again about the police department, Councilman Cole stated "When you have only three policemen, one car and no radio dispatchers it is obvious that you can't provide adequate protection. However, right now it is the best the city can do because of the financial problems and we'll all have to live with it."

"The problems in the police department are definitely a major concern to me both as a resident of the town and a member of the council," added Cole, "but I believe the big-

gest problem facing the council is a lack of communications. As a councilman I should be aware of what is happening in the city's various departments, but all I know is what I hear as a resident of the city when I ask questions. The lack of communications and understanding between the mayor and the members of the council is the source of the problems. The council is not involved and not informed about what's going on in the city. The council needs to work together to help solve the problems facing our city, but we can't and can't be effective leaders in the community when we don't even know what is going on."

Councilman Britt Lee echoed Cole's sentiments and said "I don't think the problems are all in the police department. It all goes back to the selection of the mayor and the conflict in personalities."

"There is a lack of cooperation and communications between the members of the council and the mayor," stated Lee, "and until we can all sit down and work together we'll always have problems. We do have financial problems within the city and police were needed; however, the police department is a vital part of any city and our department can't stand any more cuts. There are problems in the department, but the problems go much deeper, I assure you."

Councilman Cole stated he would recommend at the next meeting of the council that a town meeting be held to allow all citizens to air their concerns and discuss the concerns with the mayor and council.

### Elba mayor afraid dam would have adverse affect on Pea River

The proposed construction of a dam and man-made 5,000 acre lake on the Pea River, north of Coffee County, was discussed last week at a meeting at the nation's capitol and despite glowing reports from various agencies and predictions of benefits for surrounding counties, Elba

mayor Fred Moore stated he would delay endorsing the project until all questions concerning the effects of the construction on cities down river could be answered.

"I attended the meeting and heard all the predictions of how great the dam and lake would be for south

Alabama," said Mayor Moore, "but I wasn't convinced and am still not convinced that to construct such a dam would create problems for the Pea River and cities south of the dam, such as Elba and Geneva."

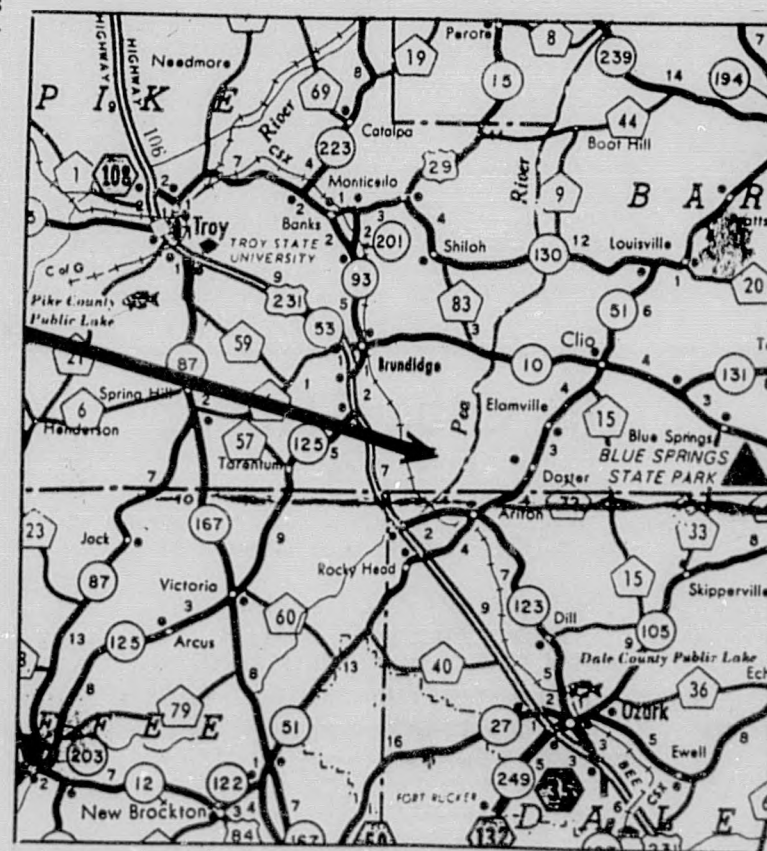
"I don't pretend to have all the

answers like the experts at the meeting," continued Moore, "and my fears may be unfounded; however, I just don't believe that during the construction of the dam the water level in the Pea River south of the dam won't drop drastically and literally dry up. The city is interested in the continuing project to have the old generating plant south of Elba put back in operation and we are all interested in the agricultural community. If the dam is built and the water level is unstable, the power plant won't be able to operate and farmers may find their irrigation systems become useless, especially when the level drops. I am concerned about the project and will make sure the people of Elba and the surrounding area are kept informed."

According to federal reports, the proposed lake would be used primarily for flood control, but would also serve the area for recreational purposes and possibly hydroelectric power.

The Choctawhatchee-Pea River Development Association was formed in January and is reported to be leading the fight to have the lake constructed, which will be located on the Dale, Pike and Barbour County lines, approximately 10 miles north of Arion and will be approximately one-third the size of Lake Eufaula.

Rep. Bill Dickinson announced his support of the project and stated "I whole heartedly support this initiative since the benefits that are to be reaped will involve much more than just another boating and fishing spot. A new outlet for electrical power would be of tremendous benefit for those served by area rural electric cooperatives and I am sure the residents of Barbour, Coffee, Dale and Pike counties will enjoy the recreational potential of a 10 mile long lake."



Proposed site of planned dam on Pea River

### Murdock to head Water & Electric Board

Mickey Murdock was named chairman of the Elba Water & Electric Board last week during the regular monthly meeting. Murdock has been an appointed member of the board for several years and assumes the chairmanship after Elba Mayor Fred Moore resigned to assume the reins of superintendent of the utility department.

City Council member Bill Brunson had previously been appointed to the board by the city council, again because of Moore's resignation. Brunson was present for his first utility board meeting.

The board members opened bids on a used pole truck, paid monthly by \$927.47 during January. The actual price paid by the utility for the pole truck was \$11,500.

Two other firms, one from Mobile and another from Birmingham entered "No Bids."

Monthly bills totaling \$11,340.78 were approved for payment.

A "town meeting" will be held in Elba on Thursday night, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium to discuss plans for the upcoming "Clean Up Elba" campaign.

A citywide clean up project will be conducted on Saturday, March 4, in Elba and all interested citizens are encouraged to attend the planning meeting tonight.

"During the city election the main priority of the citizens was the need to clean up our city," said Elba City Councilman Eddie Vaughan, "and now the time has come to see if the people really meant it."

For more information call City Hall at 897-2333.

### United Way to meet in New Brockton

The Coffee County United Way will hold a public meeting at the Community Room of the Coffee County Extension Office in New Brockton on Feb. 23, beginning at 7 p.m.

Purpose of the meeting is to acquaint all interested persons with the services currently provided by the agencies supported by the United Way, and to determine needs that are not being met in the county.

Any agency, church, civic group, or individual now providing help to others is invited.

Anyone wishing to speak to the group may contact Elaine Roberts at 393-1072 to be included on the agenda.

neering survey made on the electric system.

Only one company entered a firm bid on the pole truck and that was the Birmingham firm of Duncan Manf. Co. from whom the utility has been renting units for several years. They bid \$14,000 minus a \$1500 trade-in on a used unit. They also subtracted \$1,000, which represented two weeks rent paid for previous use on the machine. The actual price paid by the utility for the pole truck was \$11,500.

The cost of maintaining the extended lines and repaying the money borrowed to install the lines exceeded income by \$927.47 during January. The four month total indicates income is \$3794.91 below expenses this far into the fiscal year.

Murdock pointed out to board members that the electric department is showing a drop in total sales, but a drop in purchased power and operating expenses has actually increased profits to the city. Sales have dropped about \$9 thousand for the fiscal year and expenses show a drastic \$32,000 decrease.

The water system profits have jumped from \$1891 for the first 4 months of the last year. They are presently standing at \$11,848.

Murdock commented that this increase helped pay the ever increasing cost of maintaining the sewer pumping stations in Elba. The cost of operating these pumping stations increased from \$19,945 to over \$30 thousand this far this year.

Utility officials have been warning for several years that our sewer system was in a bad state of repair and needed a major overhaul. However the FHA loan to install new lines and the treatment plant in 1968 still has over \$400,000 outstanding.

Accounts receivable show \$43,361 due, with only \$178.05 of this in uncollected bills while \$1677.53 was due and meters pulled and \$2481.03 are considered because customers have died or moved and have not been found.